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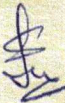
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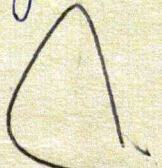
## Reference FRs

\* FRI  
Our Mission in Moscow has sent an update on the issue of examination of various witnesses in Russia, as ~~list of~~ indicated in the Commission's letter of 1.4.03 (S.No. 67/c of Vol. IX of this file refers). We may convey the information to the Commission as per the letter placed below.

- \* FRII
2. Our Mission in Singapore has now <sup>conveyed\*</sup> ~~confirmed~~ that the local Foreign Office has confirmed that there is no office of the INA still functioning in Singapore. We may inform the Commission accordingly.
  3. The Commission has asked for an authenticated article of Elliot Ericson on Netaji which appeared in an issue of the "National Republic" in USA in 1954 (S.Nos. 119/c and 137/c of Vol. IX refers). We may, therefore, write to our Mission in Washington to do the needful. Letter is placed below for approval / signature, please.
  4. We may also inform the Commission about the selection of a DNA expert as conveyed by MHA vide their letter of 16.7.03.

For approval / signatures, please -

  
29/7/03

  
29/7

US (NGO)

Dis (CNU)

Letter, as per 2 & 3. Issue. ~~Letter~~ Letter as per above to be resubmitted.



Amended letter to JMC is placed below

Dis (CNU)

A. issue. Rg  
SO (NGO)



D.No. 7764/NGO/02 — S.No. (1) — FR I  
D.No. 8521/NGO/02 — S.No. (2) — FR II  
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D.No. 238/NGO/03 — S.No. (6) — Receipt  
D.No. 255/NGO/03 — S.No. (7) — Receipt  
S.No. (8) — Receipt  
D.No. 719/NGO/03 — S.No. (9) — Receipt  
D.No. 731/NGO/03 — S.No. (10) — Receipt  
D.No. 764/NGO/03 — S.No. (11) — FR V

Reference FRs

1. FR I : The Commission has asked us to persuade the govt. of USA, U.K., Russia, the State of the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany and Ireland.

While we have already written to our Missions in the U.K., USA, Russia, the countries which were constituents of the former USSR, Japan and Vietnam, and have already got responses in some cases which have been communicated to the Commission, we may write to our Missions in the rest of the countries mentioned above as in the letters placed below.



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2. FR II : The Commission desires us to make certain investigations regarding the whereabouts of one Americk Singh Gill of INA and the presence of a functioning office of the INA in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, respectively. We may write to the concerned Missions as in the letters placed on the file.

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3. FRs III, IV & V : We have received responses from our Missions in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan regarding the archives in these countries. We may convey the information to the Commission as in the letter placed on the file.

For approval/signatures please.  
(eight letters in all)

for  
3/2/03

Mitra  
3/2/03

AG  
3.2.2003

Please issue after  
keeping O/Cs.

Mitra  
4/2/03

S.Nos. (12) to (19) — Issue

US(Nao)

✓ Je(CNU)

US(NZ.01)

Sh. Sen



Reference Dy. No.813/NGO/03 dt. 3.2.2003 letter from Ambassador of India, Tokyo to Joint Secretary (EA) ... FR ... S.No. (20)

**"Please examine & discuss"**

Sd/-

JS (CNV)

US (NGO)

Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P., wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo (F/A) conveying to him that the Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, had been deeply disturbed by the way in which officials of the Embassy had ordered him to open the casket containing 'Netaji's mortal remains' without any proper explanation as to the purpose it might serve. Mrs. Bose felt that it was improper for Netaji's remains to have been inteterfered with without giving the priest an opportunity to conduct necessary rituals and without the respectful presence of the highest representatives of the Government of India.

2. Smt. Bose has further stated that she understood that it was later explained to the Priest that a DNA test might be conducted on these remains. Smt. Bose has no objection to such a test being conducted. However, she desires that it must be done with the utmost respect being shown to the remains and polite gratitude expressed to the Japanese for caring for the remains for fifty-eight years. She has also said that Netaji's mortal remains must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangements have been made by selecting top DNA experts in the world. In case if it was decided that these remains were to be brought back to India, the highest echelons of the Government of India including the President and Prime Minister of India will have to be involved.

3. The Ambassador has appropriately replied to Smt. Bose. In the FR, the Ambassador has explained that on the direction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, the Mission had approached the Renkoji Temple for re-examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji to ascertain whether DNA test could be carried out. The Priest of Renkoji, has, however, sought a formal request and a "communication from the Indian leadership" and also 'some notification by the Government of India with regard to the requested DNA testing'. The Priest also pointed out that some photographs taken earlier of the casket of the mortal remains of Netaji by our officials (on instructions from the commission and sent to them) have allegedly found their way to the media. The Priest regretted this.

4. On the directions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, the Mission had located a Japanese DNA expert to ascertain whether the remains could be tested for DNA. A meeting has also been fixed for February 7, 2003 after consulting the expert as well as the Priest. However, in the light of the observations of Smt. Krishna Bose, the Ambassador has sought Ministry's advice whether the Mission should await "the formal communication" that has been requested by the Priest of the Renkoji Temple. He has also sought Ministry's guidance on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert, particularly whether both a Japanese and an Indian expert should work on this project.

5. The **Ministry of Home Affairs** is the nodal Ministry for the on-going enquiry by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. This Ministry has only been a facilitator, providing necessary assistance to the Commission in conducting its investigation abroad, collection of information from various foreign countries, etc. The question of conducting DNA tests on Netaji's mortal remains is a sensitive issue and needs to be



handled keeping all aspects in view. Therefore, it is submitted that it will be appropriate if the matter is referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for their considered advice, which could be conveyed to our Ambassador. Pending receipt of the response of the MHA, an interim telegraphic response to Ambassador to await further instructions in this regard may be considered.

6. A Draft d.o. letter to Shri L.C. Goyal, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs and a CCB message for Ambassador of India, Tokyo are placed below for consideration, please.

*S. Mitra*

(Sandip Mitra)

Under Secretary (NGO)

4.2.2003

~~JS (CNV)~~

Para 6 - JS (EA) may also see action proposed to be taken.

*H.B.*

6.2.2003

~~JS (EA)~~

*V. Srinivas*  
6/2/03

~~US (NGO)~~

May kindly sign the d.o. and the CCB message.

*S. Mitra*  
6/2/03

~~JS (CNV)~~

*H.B.*

6.2.2003

~~US (NGO)~~

*H. issue.*

*S. Mitra*  
6/2/03

Sh. L.

S.No. (21) — Issue

D. 937/NGO/03 — S.No. (22) — FRI

S.No. (23) & (24) — Issue

Reference FRI

This is regarding the clarifications/documents sought by the Commission in connection with the alleged cremation of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Since the matter is under reference to E/I, Tokyo, we may inform the Commission, accordingly, as per the letter placed below.

*contd/-*



from pre-page

2. We have received information about archives in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia & Georgia which we may convey to the Commission. Fair letter is put up for signature please.

3. JS(USC) has sought certain clarifications<sup>x</sup> relating to the Commission. A note in this connection is put up for the information of JS(USC)

<sup>x</sup> FR II

Sum  
11/2/03

Sum  
11/2/03

US(NGO)

JS(CNU)

Sum

13.2.2003

US(NGO)

Pl. issue

Sum  
13/2/03

Sum

S.No.(25) — Added

S.No.(26) — Issue

S.No.(27) — Issue

S.No.(28) — Added

D. 1141/NGO/03 — S.No. (29) — Receipt

D. 1116/NGO/03 — S.No. (30) — FR

We have not received the reply of the MFA of Turkmenistan ~~also~~ along with the Ambassador's letter. We may, therefore, ask for it by fax as per the fax placed on the file.

Sum  
20/2/03

S.No.(31) — Issue

Sum  
20/2/03

US(NGO)

JS(CNU)

Sum  
20/2

US(NGO)

Pl. issue  
Sum  
20/2

Sum



\* Sm. 21/c

A letter\* was sent to JS(IS), MHA, seeking MHA's advice on the question of conducting DNA test on the <sup>alleged</sup> mortal remains of Netaji. Since their response has not been received, we may send a reminder as per fair letter placed below.

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24/2/03

~~US(NAO)~~

~~JS~~  
24/2/03

✓ ~~JS(CNO)~~

~~JS~~  
24.2.2003

~~US(N25)~~

Please keep an eye on file before issue.

~~JS~~  
24/2/03

Sh. Sen

S.NO. (32) — Issue

Dy. 1249/NGO/03 — S.NO. (33) — FR I

Dy. 1313/NGO/03 — S.NO. (34)

Dy. 1390/NGO/03 — S.NO. (35) — FR II

Reference FRs

1) FR I : We have received the list of archives in Belarus & Lithuania from our Mission in Minsk. We may forward it to the Commission as per the letter placed below.

2) FR II : The Commission desires to have a report on the action taken and results thereof on the points raised in their letter of 11.11.2002 (Smo.1/c). We may convey to the Commission the desired details as per the letter placed below. We may also send a reminder to S/I, Moscow regarding the clarifications sought by the Commission in their letter of 11.11.2002.

\* letter 1

\* letter 2

✓ letter 3



from pre-page

3. In the meanwhile, our Mission in Ashgabat has informed that the archives in Turkmenistan do not contain any information on Netaji. (S.No. 30/c refers). We may convey this to the Commission.

\* letter 1

4. The Commission had sometime back asked for a copy of the note dated 30.9.1993 of the then US (AP). and also a copy of this Ministry's file No. C/551/7/92-JP. We had informed the Commission that these papers/documents were not readily traceable and that search for them was continuing. Since we have made repeated searches for these documents without any result, and there looks to be no possibility of finding them, it is for orders whether we should inform the Commission of this fact.

'X'

Submitted please.

JS  
28/2/03

JS(CNV) may kindly approve and sign the letter placed below. 'X' of para 4 above is submitted for instructions, please.

US(NGO)

Mitra  
3/3/03

For n.a. please.

Mitra  
3/3/03

JS(CNV) JS  
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US(NGO)

Sh. Sen



Dy. 1444/NGO/03 — S.No. (36) — Receipt  
Dy. 1446/NGO/03 — S.No. (37) — Receipt  
Dy. 1447/NGO/03 — S.No. (38) — Receipt

S.No. (39) — Issue

S.No. (40) — Issue

S.No. (41) — Issue

Dy. 1504/NGO/03 — S.No. (42) — Receipt  
Dy. 1552/NGO/02 — S.No. (43) — Receipt  
Dy. 1551/NGO/02 — S.No. (44) — Receipt

Dy. No. 1678/NGO/02 — S.No. (45) — FR

Reference FR

"Let us remind MHA. Thereafter pl. discuss X."

Sd/-  
JS (CNV)  
12.3.2003

US(NGO)

"Please put up a reminder for JS(CNV)'s signature"

Sd/-  
US(NGO)  
12.3.2003

As desired, a reminder to MHA is placed below for signature please.

JS  
12/3/03

US(NGO) Mitra  
12/3/03

JS (CNV) Mitra  
12.3.2003

US(NGO) Pl. keep 0/1 & issue.  
GR Sam Mitra  
12/3/03

S.No. (46) — Issue



Dy. 1684/NGO/03 — S.No. (47) — FR  
Reference FR

The Justice Mukherjee Commission had asked us to check the whereabouts of Shri Americk Singh Gill of INA who was reportedly living in Kuala Lumpur (S.No. 2/c refers). Our HC in Kuala Lumpur has now informed that Shri A.S. Gill passed away about 2 years ago, and that this information was conveyed by Shri Gill's brother presently residing in Kuala Lumpur. As the Commission has enquired only about Shri A.S. Gill, we may, if approved, inform them about his passing away as per the letter on the file.

For  
13/2/03

S.No. (48) — Issue

S.No. (49) — Issue

Dy. 1728/NGO/03 — S.No. (50) — Receipt

Dy. 1757/NGO/03 — S.No. (51) — Receipt

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~~JS(ENV)~~

~~US/NSD~~

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SNO.(52) — FR

Reference FR

This is regarding the issue of DNA test of the mortal remains in the Benkeji Temple. The Commission has now approached the Ministry for an early decision in the matter. Till now, the Commission has been directly corresponding with S/I, Tokyo. The Mission had referred the matter to us (S.no. 45/c) seeking advice. We may, therefore, advise them as per the fax placed below, and also remind MHA in the matter as per the letter placed below.

~~JS~~  
24/3/03

May kindly consider.

As regards responding to the Commission, we may await a reply from MHA. Submitted, please.

Mitra  
24/3/03

~~US(N40)~~  
~~JS(CNV)~~

~~JS(CNV)~~

Let us send an interim reply to the JMCI.

~~HA~~  
25.2.2003

~~US(N40)~~

For n.a.pl.

Mitra  
25/3/03

Sh. S. As desired, an interim reply to the JMCI is placed below for signature please.

~~JS~~  
26/3/03  
Mitra  
26/03/03

~~US(N40)~~

~~JS(CNV)~~  
26/3  
~~US(N40)~~

Pl. keep an eye before issuing  
Sh. S. Mitra 26/3



S.No. (53) — Issue  
S.No. (54) — Issue  
S.No. (55) — Issue

Reference FR . . . S.No. (50)

MHA has forwarded a letter of the Commission seeking originals / authenticated copies of documents submitted by witnesses before the Justice Khosla Commission, in addition to three letters belonging to our file no. 25/4/NAO-Vol.I.

2. It may be mentioned here that MHA was the nodal Ministry for matters relating to the Justice Khosla Commission. So originals / copies of documents submitted by witnesses before the Khosla Commission should be available with them. We may inform the JNCI accordingly.

3. Of the three letters belonging to Vol.I of this file, two were sent to MHA, though there is no indication of the date of their despatch. In all probability, these were sent to MHA in connection with the Justice Khosla Commission. The third letter from Miss Leilamani Naidu is available in the file, though there is some confusion about its date. It may please be noted ~~the~~ here that the file in question is already available with the Commission. ~~and~~ We may inform them accordingly.

A letter to the Commission alongwith its copy to MHA are placed below for

signatures please.

28/2/03

Pl. keep o/c before issue.

28/3

28/3/03

JS(C/V)

LS(NAO)

28/3

LS(NAO)



SNo. (51) — FR

Reference FR

This is regarding the Status Report of the Jmci for the period from 1.2.2003 to 28.2.2003. While there is no action pending in respect of the paras in the Report pertaining to MEA, the position stated at para 4 needs factual elucidation.

The Commission had earlier asked us for a copy of the Judgement Order dated 4.3.1987 delivered by the Rajasthan High Court and the affidavit-in-opposition filed by this Ministry in response thereto. In this connection, while forwarding a copy of the said judgement order, we had explained the position regarding filing of the Affidavit-in-opposition in our letter of 1st Jan, 2003 (S.No. 231/c of Vol. VIII of this file). Copies of correspondence on the subject between MEA and MHA were also forwarded to the Commission for ready reference. According to the Commission, a doubt has arisen as to the date of the judgement order sent by us. Since the date is mentioned as 18.1.1986 in the order itself. It may be mentioned here that we had received this Order from MHA with their letter of 27.9.93. This letter mentioned the date of the enclosed Order as 4.3.1987. No other judgement order of the Rajasthan High Court was received in this Ministry. We may, accordingly, clarify the position to the Commission.

Bar letter is placed below for signature please

US(N/AO)

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31/3/2003

Mitra  
31/03/03

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USP/IV

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Sh. Sin  
Mitra 11/4/03



Dy. 1842/NAO/03 — S.No. (56) — Receipt  
 S.No. (57) — Issue  
 Dy. 1939/NAO/03 — S.No. (58) — Receipt  
 S.No. (59) — Issue

Dy. 1967/NAO/03 — S.No. (60) — FR

Reference FR

We had sent to the Justice Mukherjee Commission the lists of archives received from some of the countries in Central Asia. The Commission has now desired to know whether any of these archives contain documents related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

A letter each to the concerned countries and the Commission are placed below for signatures

please.

7/4/03

5/4/03

US(NAO)

JS(ENV)

US(NAO)

Pl. issue after 7/4/03 have been kept.

5/4/03

S.Nos. (61 to 64) — Issue

In Lajpat  
 Sh Sen



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Dy. 2090/NGO/03	S.No. (65)	FRI
Dy. 2139/NGO/03	S.No. (66)	FRII
Dy. 2174/NGO/03	S.No. (67)	FRIII
Dy. 2201/NGO/03	S.No. (68)	Receipt
Dy. 2230/NGO/03	S.No. (69)	FRIV
Dy. 2292/NGO/03	S.No. (70)	FR(V)

Reference FRs

1. **FR I :** E/I, Washington has sent a reply received from the National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland regarding the various documents referred to in the Commission's letter of 27.11.2002 (S.No. 211/c in Vol.VIII). We may forward the reply to the Commission. In the reply of the National Archives, it is seen that they have referred to the British Public Record Office as a likely location for records on the communications of General Mac Arthur with Lord Mountbatten. We may, therefore, write to HCI, London to take up the matter with the British Public Record Office.

2. **FR II :** This is regarding the location of witnesses in Russia. A report in this respect is awaited from CGI, St. Petersburg. We may remind them as per the fair letter placed below.

3. **FR III:** The Commission has asked us to forward two letters to individuals in Russia through our Embassy in Moscow. Since the letters are addressed to the Academy of Sciences, Moscow and St. Petersburg University, we may send them through E/I, Moscow and CGI, St. Petersburg, respectively.

4. The Commission has asked us to approach the Russian Govt. for access of the Commission to the archives of the Federal Security Bureau in view of the assertions made by Dr. Purabi Roy (encl. to FR III). It may be recalled that the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs had in their Note Verbale of 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 mentioned clearly that the Central Archives of the Federal Security Bureau does not have any documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. A copy of this document was forwarded to the Commission along with our letter of 1.10.2001 (S.No. 155/c in Vol. VI). That the Commission is aware of this fact is clearly brought out in their letter dated 11.11.2002 (S.No. 201/c in Vol. VIII). Furthermore, in their response dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2003, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reiterated that "no information has been found about the fate of S.C. Bose in the Central Archives of the Russian FSB, ...". In view of this, it is felt that another reference to the Russian Govt. on the same issue would be futile. We may convey this to the Commission.

5. The Commission has furnished a list of witnesses (encl. to FRIII) in Russia with a view to ascertaining their availability for examination by the Commission. We may write to E/I, Moscow, accordingly.

6. **FR IV:** E/I, Moscow has sent the response of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with reference to our letter of 3.12.2002 (S.No. 214 in Vol. Vol.VIII) seeking certain clarifications regarding the archives in Russia. We may forward this to the Commission.

7. **FR V:** This is an endorsement from the Commission relating to the proposed DNA test on the mortal remains kept in the Renkoji Temple. While no action is pending on our part on this issue, it is seen that one of the enclosures to the Commission's letter, i.e., letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83/520 dated 27.01.2003 addressed to this Ministry was not received by us. In this letter the Commission has asked about the address of the National Forensic Service Laboratories in UK. We may write to our Mission in London about this.

Fair letters (four nos.) submitted for approval/signatures please.

22/4/03

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22/4/03

US(NGO)  
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US(NGO)

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S.No. (71) — Issue

S.No. (72) — Issue

S.No. (73) — Issue

S.No. (74) — Issue

Dy. 2361/NAO/03 — S.No. (75) — FR

We had written to S/I, Tokyo on 1st Jan, 2003 regarding the documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji at Taihoku. We have not received any response from them on this issue. We may send a reminder as per fair letter.

For approval/signature please.

*[Signature]*  
24/4/03

*[Signature]*  
24/4/03

~~US(NAO)~~

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~~JS(CNV)~~

~~US(NAO)~~

Pl. issue.  
O/c to be kept.

*[Signature]*  
24/4/03

S.No. (76) — Issue

Dy. 2439/NAO/03 — S.No. (77)

This is regarding non-existence of documents relating to Netaji in the Archives in Armenia. We may convey this to the Commission as per the fair letter.

For signature please

*[Signature]*  
25/4/03

*[Signature]*  
25/4/03

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~~JS(CNV)~~

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25/4 ~~US(NAO)~~

S.No. (78) — Issue

*[Signature]*  
25/4

Ch. Sec.



Cor 79/c

Reference the newspaper report on Justice M. K. Mukherjee's reported displeasure over "inaction" by various government departments/ Ministries on request for documents, etc. by the Enquiry Commission on disappearance of Subhas Chandra Bose. (Flag 'A')

\* S. No. 80/c

As desired by JS(CNV), a status report on the requests made by the Commission from time to time and action taken thereon by this Ministry is placed below at flag 'c'. The latest Status report of the Commission is also at flag "B" below.

Submitted, please.

Mitra  
29/4/03

~~JS(CNV)~~

F/c

Ref. news item at f/A. Present status may be seen at f/B. It needs to be underscored that MHA is the nodal Ministry regarding the JMIC into disappearance of Netaji.

~~HG~~  
30.4.2003

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01/05/03

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✓ JS(CNV) ~~HG~~  
25.2003

VS(CNV) Mitra 2/5/03  
Sh Sen

S.M.(SI) — Issue



Dy. 2542/NGO/03 — S.(82) — FR I

Dy. 2541/NGO/03 — S.(83) — FR II

Dy. 2536/NGO/03 — S.(84) — FR III

Reference FRs.

FR I & II : S/I, Washington have sent some more documents from the MacArthur & Truman libraries which we may forward to the Commission as per the letter placed below.

FR III : The Commission has sought to know the result of the inquiry about the existence of an INA office in Singapore. We may remind the Mission as per the letter placed below.

~~JS~~ for approval / signatures please -  
21/5/03

~~US(NGO)~~

Mitra 2/5/03

~~JS(CAN)~~

~~JS~~  
7.5.2003

~~US(540)~~

Please issue, after keeping o/c's on file.

Mitra  
8/5/03

Sh. L.

S.No. (85) — Issue

S.No. (86) — Issue

S.No. (87) — Receipt



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 Dy. 2797/nao/03 — S.No. (102) — Receipt  
 Dy. 2798/nao/03 — S.No. (103) — Receipt



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1) Dy. 2849/NGO/03	S.No. (104)	FR I
2) Dy. 2878/NGO/03	S.No. (105)	FR II
3) Dy. 2867/NGO/03	S.No. (106)	Receipt
4) Dy. 3040/NGO/03	S.No. (107)	FR III
5) Dy. 3131/NGO/03	S.No. (108)	FR IV
6) Dy. 3130/NGO/03	S.No. (109)	FR V
7) Dy. 3132/NGO/03	S.No. (110)	FR VI
8) Dy. 3162/NGO/03	S.No. (111)	FR VII

Reference FRs

**FR I:** HCI, Singapore has sent some information relating to the INA from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. However, this does not confirm or refute the existence of an office of the INA alleged to be still functioning in Singapore (this information is required by the Commission). We may, therefore, write to the Mission with a copy to the Commission as per the letter placed below.

Letter 1+2

**2. FR II:** The Commission has asked for an action taken report on the various matters indicated in its letter of 11.11.2002 – essentially relating to the procurement of documents from various countries. We have already, from time to time, informed the Commission of the position in this case. However, a consolidated updated reply in respect of each country is being prepared and will be sent to the Commission shortly. We may so inform the Commission.

Letter No. 3

**3. FR III:** The Commission has now desired access to the records relating to Netaji which are available in the American Embassy and Consulates in India. The fact of the existence of such records has been indicated in a letter from the National Archives and Records Administration, Maryland, which was received through our Mission in Washington and forwarded to the Commission. We may, therefore, approach USC Division for further necessary action in the matter. A note to JS(USC) from JS(CNV) is placed below for approval/signature.

Note

**4. FR IV:** This is regarding the availability of records with the Japanese authorities relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji. We may convey the information sent by our Mission in Tokyo (S.No. 102/c) to the Commission as per the letter placed below.

Letter No. 4

**5. FR V:** This is regarding the letter dated 26.3.1991 from Shri Digvijay Singh, the then Deputy Minister of External Affairs, to Prof. Samar Guha. We had already replied in the matter vide our letter dated 13.8.2002 (S.No. 43/c in Vol. VIII). We may inform the Commission accordingly.

Same as  
Letter No. 3

**6. FR VI:** The Commission desired to know about the action taken by this Ministry on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P. to the then President of India. Our records reveal that the aforesaid letter was passed on to the MHA for further action since it dealt with matters relating to the Justice Khosla Commission which had been set up in that year. There are no further records available with us on this matter. We may, accordingly, inform the Commission.

Letter No. 5

**7. FR VII:** This is one of the several reminders which the Commission has sent to us regarding the report which they have been seeking from our Consulate in St. Petersburg on their inquiry about some witnesses in Russia. We may send another reminder to our Post as per the letter placed below.

Letter No. 6

Six letters and one note are placed below for approval/signatures pl.  
11/6/2003

US(NGO)

JS(CNV)

12/6

US(NGO)

11/6/03



S.Nos. (112) to (118) — Issued

Dy. 3254/NGO/03 — S.no. (119) — Receipt

S.no. (120) — Issue

S.no. (121) -

Reference S.no. (105) — FR

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has desired an action taken report from this Ministry in respect of matters mentioned in their letter of 11th Nov., 2002 (S.no. 1/c), which is essentially that of obtaining relevant records from various countries.

The response to the Commission is placed on the file for approval / signature, please. It may please be noted that in r/o Taiwan, we have only mentioned that no records are available there, without giving any details.

Submitted please.  
JL  
23/6/03

Mitra  
30/6/03

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~~JS~~  
30/6

~~JS(ENV)~~

~~US(TWAIN)~~

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Mitra  
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1. Dy. 3255/NGO/03 — S.No. (121) — FR I
2. Dy. 3249/NGO/03 — S.No. (122) — Receipt
3. Dy. 3268/NGO/03 — S.No. (123) — Receipt
4. Dy. 3410/NGO/03 — S.No. (124) — FR II
5. Dy. 3419/NGO/03 — S.No. (125) — Receipt
6. Dy. 3417/NGO/03 — S.No. (126) — Receipt
7. Dy. S.No. (127) — Receipt
8. S.No. (128) — Issue
9. Dy. 3454/NGO/03 — S.No. (129) — Receipt
10. Dy. 3476/NGO/03 — S.No. (130) — FR III
11. Dy. 3528/NGO/03 — S.No. (131) — Receipt
12. Dy. 3531/NGO/03 — S.No. (132) — FR IV
- S.No. (133) — Issue
13. Dy. 3589/NGO/03 — S.No. (134) — FR V
14. Dy. 3646/NGO/03 — S.No. (135) — FR VI
- S.No. (136) — FR VII

Reference FRs

to our Missions

We may issue the reminders / replies to the Commission as per the letters placed below.

For approval / signatures please.

~~Sh~~  
15/7/03

~~Sh~~  
15/7/03

~~US(NGO)~~

~~JS(ENV)~~ 15/7

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JS (CNV) has informed me that at the meeting of the Standing Committee, Smt. Krishna Bose, Chairperson, raised the issue of DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji. The status of the matter is as under:

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) had asked E/I, Tokyo to solicit the services of a DNA expert to re-examine the remains kept in Renkoji temple and seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA test may be conducted. Meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose wrote to Ambassador of India, Tokyo to ensure that proper respect is shown by the GOI to Netaji's mortal remains. The Renkoji Temple authorities also request the E/I, Tokyo for observing proper formalities in this regard and that they would require some notification from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc. A Japanese expert was identified by the E/I, Tokyo and the Ambassador sought Ministry's advice on the issues raised by Smt. Bose and the parameters for identification of a DNA expert, particularly whether both a Japanese and Indian expert should be working on this project.

The Ministry of Home Affairs was apprised of the issues raised by our Ambassador and was requested to convey their advice. The MHA wrote to us on 16.6.2003 and suggested that MEA may depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. As the subject matter of the JMCI falls under the purview of the MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to that of a facilitator, the MHA was informed that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, the Renkoji Temple authorities, etc., were concerned. MHA's response is awaited.

Submitted, please.

*Shrin*  
LCS (NGO) 17/7/03

JS (CNV) F.S. may kindly see for information.  
~~HB~~  
17.7.2003

F.S.

*Shouldn't I inform her of this? Pl give me a draft ref*

*✓ JS (CNV) We discussed.*

*We have recently received a clarification from MHA that it is the Commission that is to appoint a DNA expert(s). We had also earlier received the recommendation of Smt. Krishna Bose that the best expert in the world should be chosen for the DNA test. Earlier, Shri Attab Seth, Amb. E/I Tokyo had queried regarding the parameters to be used in the selection of a DNA expert. All these aspects need to be put in a self-contained*

*T-745/Dissem/03  
25/7*

*T-333/FS/03*



note along with the draft  
letter from FS to Smt. Bose.

Pl. pr. the self-  
contained note as discussed.

Rgnanashyam.

29.7.03.

SO(N/GO)  
30/7. S. S.



(N G O Section)

Reference notes on fore pages. The position regarding the correspondence on the issue of DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji is summarised as under:-

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) had requested our Mission in Tokyo to seek services of a DNA expert to re-examine the remains kept in Renkoji temple and ascertain whether a DNA test could be conducted.

2. Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Parliament, had also separately written to our Ambassador in Tokyo to ensure that proper respect is shown by the GOI to Netaji's mortal remains and that the best expert be chosen for the DNA testing.

3. The Renkoji Temple authorities on their part had expressed 'concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under Buddhist traditions' and had conveyed to our Mission of the need to observe proper formalities and providing notice from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc.

4. In January 2003, Shri Aftab Seth, Ambassador in Tokyo informed that the Mission had identified a Japanese expert for the purpose. In the background of observations made by Smt Krishna Bose, Ambassador Seth sought Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and whether a Japanese and an Indian expert need to work together on the project.

5. These issues were conveyed to MHA and advise sought. MHA, in response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. Since the JMCI process falls under the purview of MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.



6. MHA's response to our rejoinder has since been received (letter dated 16.7.2003), wherein it has been pointed out that the 'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission'. This has been conveyed to Justice Mukherjee Commission.

7. A draft letter from Foreign Secretary to Smt. Krishna Bose, MP informing her of the current status of the matter, is put up please.

Section Officer (NGO)  
4.8.2003

DIR (CNV) Pl. fair draft as amended.  
SO (NGO)

Draft amended & submitted pl.

DIR (CNV)

FS may like to consider issuing the draft letter to Smt. Krishna Bose, M. P. placed below pls.

Once this is done, we could put up a self contained note for information of EAM, who could then, if considered appropriate, brief Home Minister on the issue as well.

For consideration please. R. Gnanashyam.  
12.8.03.

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13/8/03

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16/8

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✓ NGO - Pl. issue  
Din (CNV) (or)

Let him  
know  
(Sno. 172)



**Ministry of External Affairs  
NGO section**

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**Subject: DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose.**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up in December 1999 to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

2. The JMCI visited Japan in September 2002. They visited the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, where it is believed his ashes are kept. The JMCI directed Embassy of India, Tokyo to obtain expert advice on whether the ashes contain material that can be used for DNA testing. The Embassy located a Japanese expert, Prof. Momoki Hirai of the University of Tokyo who agreed to do the requisite examination on the remains to ascertain whether it can be tested for DNA.

3. In the meanwhile, Smt. Krishna Bose, Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs wrote to our Ambassador in Tokyo, expressing concern at the Mission's efforts to conduct DNA test on the alleged remains of Netaji. While she conveyed that she had no objection, she insisted that 'prior and proper arrangements should be made by selecting top DNA experts in the world'.

4. The Renkoji Temple authorities on their part had expressed **'concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under Buddhist traditions'** and had conveyed to our Mission, the need to observe proper formalities and notice from the GOI for opening the casket for DNA test, etc.

5. A meeting taken by Special Secretary (JSK) in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 20 May 2003 discussed the issue of DNA testing. MHA officials pointed out that blood samples of two sons of the elder brother of Netaji and one person from his maternal lineage, collected by the Commission had been sent to the DNA testing centre in Hyderabad. The Chief Forensic Adviser present at the meeting opined that material for a DNA test can be isolated from un-burnt bones and teeth **but not from ash**. However to ascertain this, the contents of the ash kept in the Renkoji Temple would need to be examined.

6. In the light of the observations made by Smt. Krishna Bose, the Mission in Tokyo sought MEA's advice on the required parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert and as to whether a Japanese and an Indian expert needed to work together on the project.



5. These issues were conveyed to MHA and advise sought. MHA, in response, suggested that MEA depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert. Since the JMCI process falls under the purview of MHA and the role of the MEA was limited to being that of a facilitator, it was conveyed to MHA that once they had taken a decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could thereafter take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan for liaison with the local government and the Renkoji Temple authorities.

6. MHA in response have clarified that the **'appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission' (F/ "X")**. As this communication did not touch on other issues raised earlier, MHA's clear decisions and instructions were again sought on 12 August. MHA's response conveyed directly to JMCI vide letter dated 13.8.2003 may be seen at (F/ "Y"). The salient points contained in MHA's letter are as under :-

- issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/ selection of experts etc. fall under JMCI's purview
- MHA feels that a formal meeting in MHA (with MEA and other concerned Ministries /Departments) to consider these issues, is not necessary.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.

7. Foreign Secretary has apprised Smt. Krishna Bose, MP and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs of the current status of the case vide his letter dated 14 August 2003 (F/ "Z").

8. The JMCI has meanwhile in its latest communication sought the name and other relevant particulars of the Japanese expert identified by our Mission in Tokyo. These details are being communicated to the JMCI.

9. As suggested by Director (CNV) in note on pre-page, the above facts of the case may be put up to EAM for his information and for briefing Home Minister on the issue, if considered appropriate.

Section Officer (NGO)  
03.09.2003

✓ **DIR (CNV)**

✓ **FS**

✓ **EAM**

In its letter to JMCI, MHA has also clarified that any test must be done with deepest reverence and respect should be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world and should take due care of Japanese sentiments. As this is a politically sensitive matter, FS may like to bring this matter to EAM's attention, who may, if considered appropriate brief/discuss the issue with HM/DPM.

*R. Raghunathram*  
5.9.03

T-221/EAM/03  
8-9-03

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T-233/FS/03



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see.  
I should write  
a letter to Dy. PM  
on this issue. PI.  
put up a draft.  
U Singh  
8/9

✓ Din/cru/1 We discussed. PI. prepare  
an initial draft as  
discussed. PI. also check  
old files to see if there  
is anything from the recent  
letter of JMCI highlighting  
some items identified in  
a newspaper report that  
needs to be brought to  
EAM's attention or incorporated  
into EAM's letter to  
Dy. PM.

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T-910/Din/cru/03  
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**Ministry of External Affairs  
NGO section**

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**Subject: DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji  
Subhas Chandra Bose.**

Reference notes on pre-pages regarding the proposed DNA testing of the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and bringing the facts of the case to the notice of EAM and DPM.

2. We have in the meanwhile received a letter from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) drawing attention to a news item published on 28.10.95 in the 'Statesman' on this issue, which indicates that the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.

3. After a quick check of the old files, we have located related papers on the subject pertaining to the 1995-96 period including copies of newspaper clippings that appeared in the same newspaper on 20.11.95 and 16.12.95, highlighting the government's then decision to temporarily shelve the proposal to bring back the ashes of Netaji from Japan.

4. We would need to further examine the old files and papers in detail to assess the points highlighted in JMCI's latest rejoinder on the issue so that additional inputs of consequence, if any, can be incorporated in the proposed draft letter from EAM to DPM.

5. The file is submitted for the interim information of Director (CNV) and Director (EAMO), before the proposed draft is put up.

**Section Officer (NGO)**

**16.09.2003**

**DIR (CNV)**

**DIR (EAMO)**

Meanwhile as conveyed to Dir (EAMO) there are press reports today indicating that Justice Mukherjee has received an e-mail from the "Taiwan Govt" saying that it has no records of a plane crash from 14th Aug. 1945 to Oct. 1945. As approved by JS(CEA), Dir DGITA in Taipei will seek further details on this from the local authorities. Further as suggested by JS(CEA), we would be informing JMCI, under intimation to MHA, that any information needed from ~~that~~ Taiwan may be sought through MEA. A draft letter from EAM to DPM will be put incorporating these new inputs. However, as EAM is going to be away this month, this is for interim info. pl.

Seele.  
Thalaks

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✓ Dir (CNV)  
Pl.ex. Rg  
SO (NGO) 23/9

Dir (EAMO)

Rg  
16/9/2003

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17/9

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17.9.03



**No. 25/4/NGO-Vol IX (pt. file)**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**NGO SECTION**

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**Subject : Publication of a Notice of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, in English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon/Vietnam.**

Reference letter (FR-I and FR-II) received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (**JMCI**) seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry. The Commission expects that such material evidence could come to light by providing wide publicity to a possible visit of the Commission and the terms of its inquiry, as was done earlier in the case of the Khosla Commission which had examined a number of witnesses in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Penang, Burma, Taiwan etc.

2. The JMCI has pointed out that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air (culminating in the crash at Taipei in Taiwan) was **from Saigon where he had arrived from Singapore after a stopover at Bangkok.**

3. The JMCI has forwarded a format of the proposed Notice. If approved, we may forward this Notice to our Missions in Singapore, Bangkok and Hanoi for getting the same published in leading English and local languages newspapers. Draft letters to the Missions are placed below. A decision on the need to follow-up with a visit to Singapore, Bangkok, Vietnam and other places to examine witnesses and collect relevant documents and material, will be taken by the JMCI, based on the response and feedback from the local public to this Notice.

Section Officer (NGO-I)  
29 September 2003

✓ **DIRECTOR (CNV)**

May wish to see pls. before we write to Missions to publish the Notice. MHA has also written to us (FR II) requesting that MEA may take n.a. in this regard.

✓ **FS**

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① Background MHA  
② Draft letter



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[ CNV Division ]

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Reference EAM's noting on page 29/n indicating his desire to write to Dy. PM on the issue of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, believed to be kept in a temple in Japan. As desired, a draft letter from EAM to Dy. PM is placed below please. A background note on the issue has also been prepared on the basis of the records of recent past perused by us.

*R. Ghanashyam*  
(Ruchi Ghanashyam)  
Director(CNV)  
15th October, 2003

✓ ES k sle 10/10

✓ EAM has seen and approved this draft. Signed letter attached for despatch by NGO section

*DM*  
17/10/2003  
Dir (Ext. Affs)

✓ Dir(CNV) Pl. spk.

SO (NGO-I)

*Rg*  
21/10

Spoken. Letter to be issued. Thereafter letter to MHA to be put up.

*[Signature]*  
21/10

Ln. H

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T-241/EAM/03  
16.10.03



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**Dy.No. 5924/NGO, dated 17.10.03 (FR)**

Reference letter no. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/99-2000/48(v)/277 (7) dated 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003 received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), containing updated 'action taken and status report' on various issues relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith. As discussed with Director (CNV) the letter under reference was shown to JS (EA) in the context of references contained therein to "**Taiwan**". While noting the contents of the letter JS (EA) had suggested that the matter be formally put up for examining the issues.

2. The letter under reference contains references to **correspondence entered into by the JMCI directly with the Mayor of Taipei, Taiwan as also the Minister of Transport and Communication, Government of Taiwan**, seeking documents concerning the alleged 1945 air crash at Taipei.

3. The 'status report' also refers to JMCI's letter of 13 September addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs as well as this Ministry, seeking assistance for publishing a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Vietnam. **JMCI had also indicated that it intends to publish a similar notice in Taipei, Taiwan and for this purpose the Commission would seek the assistance of the "Economic and Cultural Centre" of Taiwan in New Delhi.**

4. We have, vide our letter dated 24 September 2003, conveyed to the JMCI, that **"we do not recognize 'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan' and hence we do not have any official dealings with them"**. It was also underlined that any information required to be obtained from Taiwan must be referred to this Ministry.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO-I)  
17 October 2003

**DIRECTOR (CNV)**

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JS(EA) may kindly see  
and approve the proposed  
letter to be sent to JMCI  
ref. ~~for~~ using of 'Economic  
and Cultural Centre' of Taiwan  
in N. Delhi for publishing a  
notice in Taiwan.

✓ JS(EA)

Rg  
21/10



Reference notes on the pre-page. This was also discussed with Dir(CNV).

2. With reference to 'B' on p. 6 of FR, I would suggest that we give an explicit advice to JMCI that Taipei Economic and Culture Centre, New Delhi must not be contacted by them.

3. With reference to 'A' on p. 2 of FR, I understand there are previous papers regarding JMCI's visit to Taipei. I would like to see those papers. The draft letter may, however, issue.

S-1620/JS(FA) 3  
22.10.03

Ambartha  
24/10

✓ Dir(CNV) Pl. amend dfa accordingly and pr. the relevant pps to JS(FA) as desired.

SO(CNGO)

Rg  
24/10

Draft shown to JS(FA) who has suggested that the word "strongly advised" be added in para 3 of the draft letter. Fair letter p.u. for signature pls.

Dir(CNV)

Pl. issue.

SO(1060)

Rg  
24/10

S. H

24/10

[Signature]  
24/10



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Dy. No. 6046/NGO, dated 08.11.03 (FR)

[Letters no. JMCI/CKPDC/2002/86/89 dtd 17<sup>th</sup> October 2003]

Reference FR received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). FR is a letter from the JMCI-addressed directly to the **'Mayor of the Taipei City Government'** with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking documents for the purpose of the inquiry.

2. JS (EA) has noted on the letter as under:-

1. **"JMCI should again be advised not to send such communications directly to Taiwanese 'Govt' authorities."**
2. **"We can consider taking help of DGITA. I believe there are previous papers".**

3. We had earlier pointed out to the JMCI that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the **'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'**. It was also underlined that any information that is required from Taiwan must be referred to this Ministry. Our letters to JMCI dated 24.9.2003 (s.no.94) and 24.10.2003 (s.no.124) refers in this connection.

4. We may, as suggested by JS(EA) on FR-I, again reiterate the earlier advice to JMCI **'not to send such communications directly to Taiwanese 'Govt' authorities'**. We could also indicate that we are considering alternative options for seeking the assistance of other agencies/organisations for obtaining the requisite documents identified by JMCI.

5. Draft letters to JMCI and DG-ITA is placed below for approval pls. (DFA).

Section Officer (NGO-I)

21 November 2003

~~DIRECTOR (CNV)~~

~~JS(EA)~~

JS(EA) may like to see before the letters are issued.  
Rg 21/11

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Dir (CNV)

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SO (NGO)

Rg 24/11

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- Dy. No. 6046/NGO, dated 08.11.03 (FR-I) *Sw 140*
- Dy. No.4631/Dir(CNV)/03, dated 18.11.03 (FR-II) *Sw 141*  
[Letters no. JMCI/CKPDC/2002/86/89 dtd 17<sup>th</sup> October 2003 and  
no. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(Vol.II)/330, dtd 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
2003]

Reference **FR-I & FR-II** received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI). FR-I is a letter from the JMCI-addressed directly to the **'Mayor of the Taipei City Government'** with a copy endorsed to this Ministry, seeking documents for the purpose of the inquiry.

2. JS (EA) has noted on the letter as under:-

1. ***"JMCI should again be advised not to send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Govt" authorities.***
2. ***We can consider taking help of DGITA. I believe there are previous papers".***

3. We had earlier pointed out to the JMCI that any proposal or request for seeking information from Taiwan should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the **'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'**. It was also underlined that any information that is required from Taiwan must be referred to this Ministry. Our letters to JMCI dated 24.9.2003 (s.no.94) and 24.10.2003 (s.no.124) refers in this connection. The JMCI in its letter dated 17.09.2003 (s.no.109) (which was in the context of a request for publication of a notice in newspapers abroad) had made a reference to 'seeking assistance of the Economic & Cultural Centre of Taiwan in New Delhi as the Commission had been made to understand unequivocally that no help in this regard will be available from the GOI which has no diplomatic relationship with Taiwan'. This has also be reflected in para 15 of the JMCI's status report forwarded vide the Commission's subsequent letter dated 07.10.2003 (s.no.127).

4. **FR-II** is in response to Dir (CNV)'s letter dated 24.9.2003.

5. With reference to JS (EA)'s remarks, it may be mentioned that the "Taiwan" issue had been discussed and examined earlier in the context of the then proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei in August 2002. The then JS (CNV) had noted that ***"although the Government has a non-official representation-the India-Taipei Association (ITA)- this is not officially acknowledged by Government."*** (Reference note **[F/'X']** on page 19-20 of Noting portion of linked file no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII).

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6. The ITA was requested to look into the feasibility of the proposed visit of the team to certain sites identified by the JMCI. In response, the ITA had informed that the erstwhile Municipal Crematorium did not exist anymore and that the Taipei Municipal authorities were not even aware of any organisation by the name of 'Bureau of Health & Hygiene nor were any records available. ITA's letter dated may please be seen at F/Y.

7. We may, as suggested by JS(EA) on FR-II, bring the above facts to the notice of FS and EAM.

Submitted pls.

Section Officer (NGO-I)  
19 November 2003

DIRECTOR (CNV)

We could, if considered appropriate, refer ~~to~~ JMCI's queries to DG ITA. We may reiterate, once again, to JMCI that any queries vis-a-vis Taiwan may be referred to MEA.

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We should put up a self-contained noting on the subject for information of FS and EAM, bringing out the difficulties in pursuing investigations in Taiwan.

2. I am in agreement with Dir (CNV)'s suggestions given above.

Dir (CNV)

For na as above pls.  
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SO (NGO)

Rs. See next page

Amended

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(NGO SECTION)**

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**Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI)- Documents/  
Information sought by JMCI from TAIWAN for the purpose of the inquiry.**

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) was set up to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. This Ministry has rendered all possible assistance to the JMCI and has been in constant touch with the JMCI on various issues, including obtaining of relevant information from various foreign governments through the respective Indian Missions.

3. Of late, the JMCI has been seeking case-related information and documents from **Taiwan** for the purpose of the Inquiry. In one instance recently, the JMCI had addressed a letter in this regard (dated 17.10.2003-**F/'X'**) directly to the **'Mayor of the Taipei City Government'**, with a copy endorsed to this Ministry. Earlier, the JMCI had informed this Ministry vide its letter dated 17.09.2003-**[F/'Y']**, that it was seeking assistance of the **Economic & Cultural Centre of Taiwan in New Delhi**.

4. In our frequent rejoinders to the JMCI, we have pointed out that any proposal or request for seeking information from **Taiwan** should be referred to this Ministry, as we do not have any official dealings with the **'Republic of China' or 'Taiwan'**. The JMCI has been strongly advised not to send such communications directly to Taiwanese "Govt" authorities.

5. In its latest communication (letter/status report dated 15-12-2003) **[F/'Z']**, the JMCI has indicated that **"in the interest of the ongoing inquiry of the Commission, it has no other alternative but to directly approach the authorities concerned in Taipei to procure relevant documents, getting information about relevant places in Taiwan and collect the whereabouts of the relevant witnesses, if any, available there, keeping the MEA, GOI, informed from time to time of the development in this regard"**

6. The "Taiwan" angle to the JMCI inquiry, was discussed and examined earlier in August 2002 in the context of the then proposed visit of a JMCI team to Taipei. The **India-Taipei Association (ITA)** was requested then to look into the feasibility of a proposed visit by the JMCI team to certain sites identified by the JMCI itself. The team's visit was eventually cancelled.

7. One of the constraints in dealing with JMCI's requests vis-a-vis Taiwan is that **the Government of India has no representative in Taiwan and that the Government does not officially acknowledge its non-official representation in Taiwan in the form of the India-Taipei Association (ITA).**

8. Other constraints and difficulties encountered by the ITA in pursuing investigations in Taiwan in the context of the JMCI Inquiry, are listed below:-

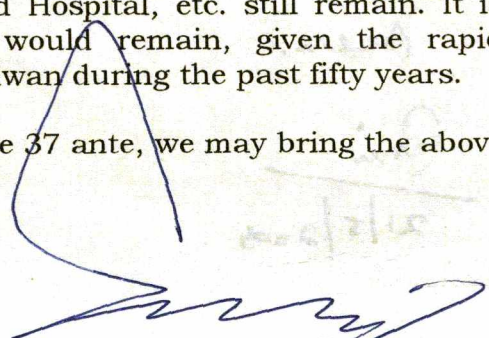
- Visit to the operational domestic airport in Taipei is feasible only after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies.
- The Military Hospital does not exist any more, nor is anyone aware of where it existed.
- The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist anymore.
- Taiwan's National Archives does not have any record of the crash of the military aircraft, which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it.



- The ITA's attempts to locate related records, documents and material information, from Taiwan's National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal authorities and the Airport authorities, have proved to be unsuccessful so far.
- There is no information as to whether the site of the alleged plane crash, the site of the Japanese Military Field Hospital, etc. still remain. It is highly improbable that these sites would remain, given the rapid economic development witnessed in Taiwan during the past fifty years.

8. As suggested by JS (EA) in note on page 37 ante, we may bring the above facts to the notice of FS and EAM.

Submitted pls.

  
Section Officer (NGO-I)  
18 December 2003

DIRECTOR (CNV)

JS(EA)

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To assist the inquiry, we could agree to request D.G., ITA in Taipei for assistance. The problem associated with this approach is that every report of JMCI, including the status report would speak about it.  
*Anwartha* 10/12  
Rg 19/12

This has been examined further in consultation with DG, ITA, Taipei. ITA will be able to extend the necessary assistance to JMCI. This is preferable to JMCI interacting directly with the Taiwanese Government. We will advise JMCI that ITA is a non-governmental office in Taipei and request them to characterize the organisation as such.  
For approval, please.

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